

Specification Amendments

Please amend the paragraph on page 18, in lines 12-17, (paragraph [0090] of the publication document) as follows:

Figures 7A-7B and 8A-8B show different configurations of face masks. Face masks 74, 78 and 80 in Figures 7A, 7B and 8A have one way valves 76 to let air out but which cannot take air in. Valves, even one way valves, are not preferred because mechanical valves may fail and because mechanical valves may not close sufficiently quickly to bar the intake of bioterroristic or toxic agents. A mask having no valve, such as mask 82 shown in Figure 8B, is preferred over a mask having a valve.

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